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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

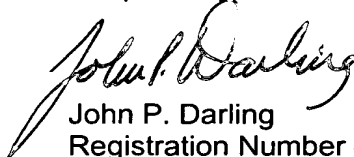
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

All of the references listed in the European Search Report, except EP 1 291 721 A, were previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement's filed February 24 and March 26, 2004. Accordingly, only EP 1 291 721 A is listed and enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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